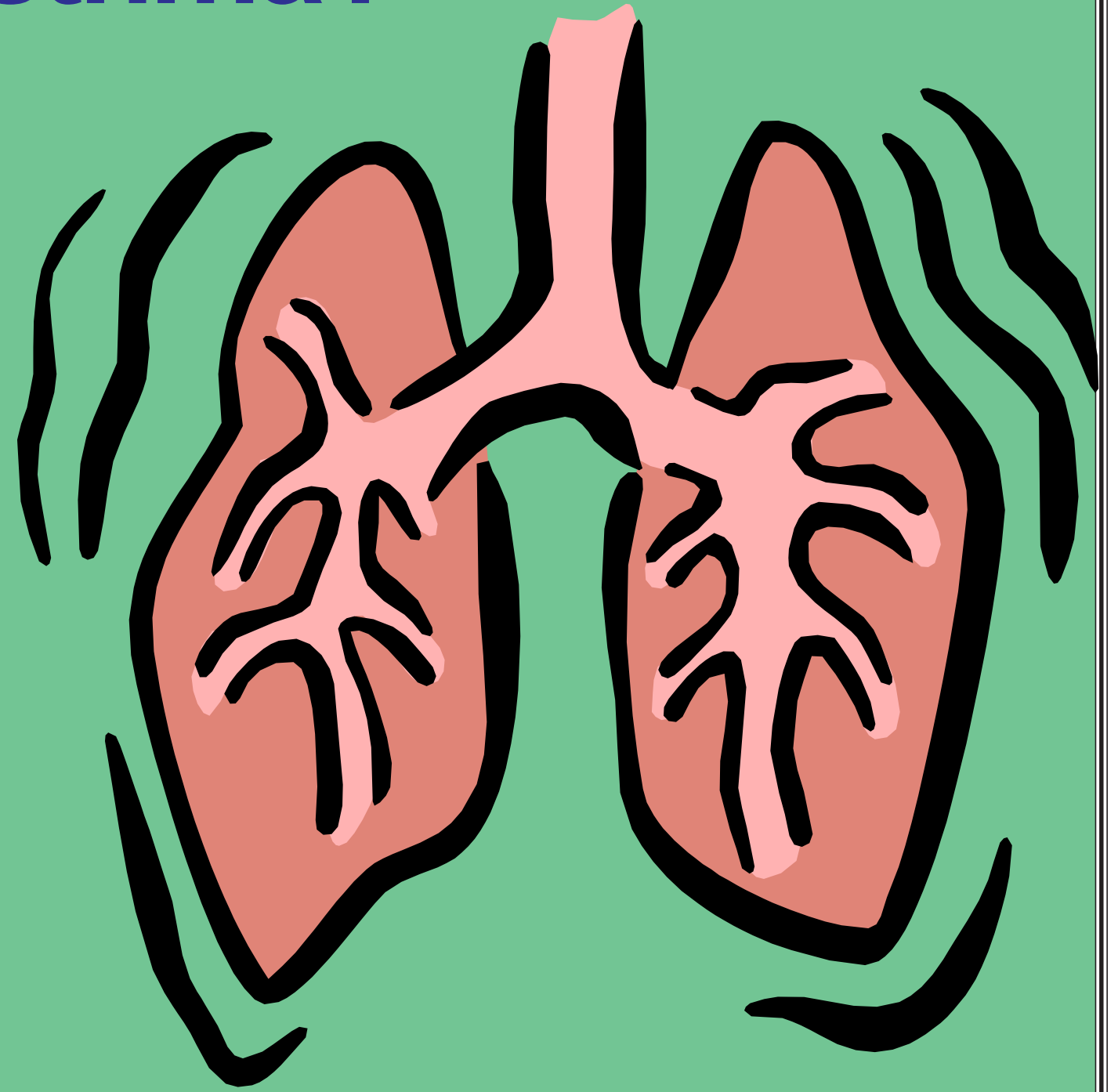
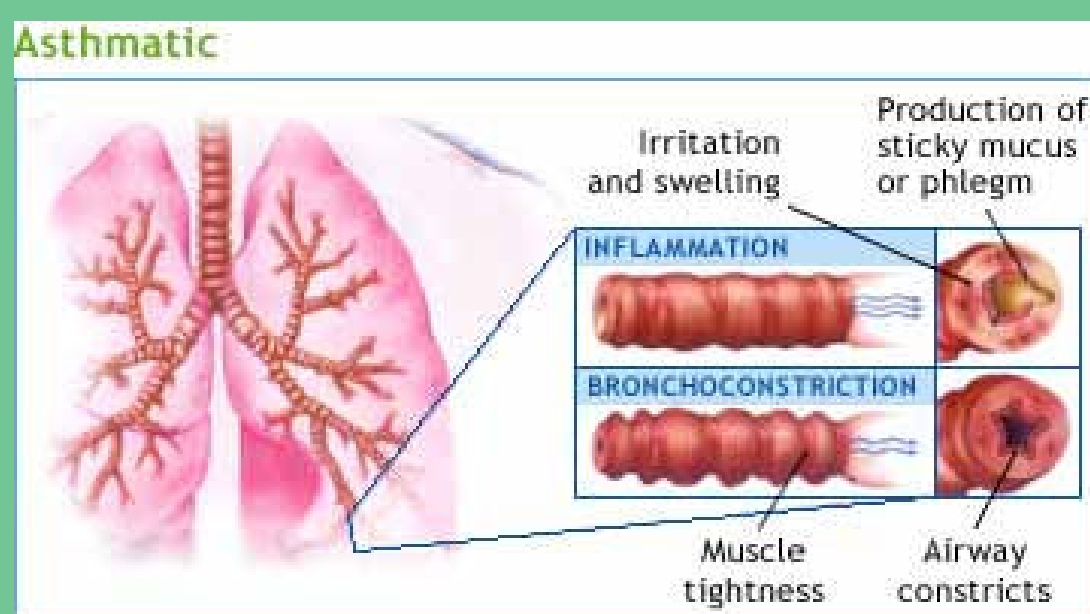
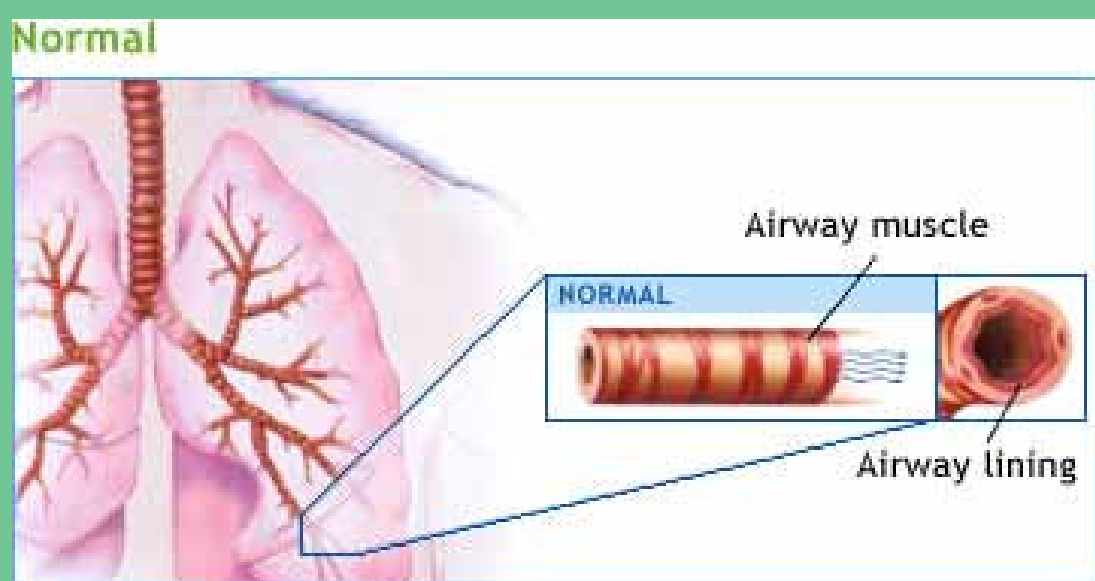


What is Asthma?

- **Asthma** is a chronic disease of the medium and small airways in the lung
- These airways are hypersensitive to certain “triggers” in the environment
- **Asthma** cannot be cured but its symptoms can be controlled with proper environmental changes and medication



Asthma is a Serious Disease



- **Asthma** attacks are allergic reactions to triggers or exposures
- The airways **swell** and fill with mucus and secretions
- The muscles around the airways contract and **spasm**
- Airways can collapse from excess swelling and spasm, causing shortness of breath, **even death**